commuter rail operating costs from fares and fare-bex
operating revenues.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation Section 3-217 Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

3-217.

- (A)--THERE--IS--A-REVENUE-AGGOUNT-IN-THE-TRANSPORTATION TRUST-FUND-
- (B)--THIS-REVENUE-ACCOUNT-SHALL-BE--USED--TO--SUBSIDIZE THE-FOLLOWING-COMMUTER-RAIL-LINES:
- (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE FOLLOWING COMMUTER RAIL LINES AT THEIR PRESENT OR EXPANDED LEVELS OF SERVICE:
- (1) THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO LINE BETWEEN BRUNSWICK AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; AND
- (2) THE CONRAIL LINE BETWEEN PENN STATION IN BALTIMORE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- $\tau$ ; AND
- STATION IN BALTIMORE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
- (e)--THE--SUBSIDIES--PROVIDED--IN-THIS-SECTION-SHALL-BE MADE-AT-A-RATE-OF-50-PERCENT-OF-THE-GROSS-ANNUAL-DEFICIT--OF EACH-COMMUTER-RAIL-LINE:
- (D)--UNLESS--THE-GENERAL-ASSEMBLY,-BY-JOINT-RESOLUTION, DECIDES-OTHERWISE,-THE-DEPARTMENT-MAY--NOT--DISCONTINUE--THE SUBSIDIES-MADE-UNDER-THIS-SECTION.
- (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL RECOVER AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL OPERATING COSTS FOR ALL COMMUTER RAIL OPERATIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL FROM FARES AND OPERATING REVENUES.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.